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A new tradition

Heritage Ballet Studio staged the first Nutcracker ballet in the Highlands at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Saturday and Sunday. Jordyn Archer, Emily Pickering, Danielle Chvedukas, and Jocelyn Regina perform the *Pas de Quatre* in the concluding scenes with Marie, as played by Loretta Kerr and the Nutcracker (Sabastian Pickering). Choreography and staging were by Rachel Regina and Julie Barban.

Forest owners may get assessment wish

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Managed forest owners will likely see better property tax rates in the new year now that the provincial government has committed to developing an assessment method similar to that used for farmlands.

"It's a move in the right direc-

tion since it will be based on farm assessment - it's a big step forward. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel now," says Peter Schleifenbaum, Haliburton Forest owner.

The Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program was established in 1998. The program under the Conservative government was designed to encourage property owners to protect

forests and encourage sustainable logging practices. Property owners were rewarded under the program with an approximate 75 per cent tax break from real market value prices. There are over 10,000 properties and 700,000 hectares enrolled in MFTIP.

In 2003, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation changed the rules. MFTIP own-

ers were charged without prior notification on "current use" or market value rather than farmland rates. Owners in cottage country suddenly saw shoreline property tax rates for undeveloped forest dramatically increase, and approximately 60 per cent of those in the program saw little or no tax incentive.

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County cuts ties with Chamber

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The incoming president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce thinks that the county's decision to create its own marketing and economic department - thereby depriving the Chamber of a \$135,000 contract to market the county - will allow the Chamber to concentrate on its members' needs.

A past president of the Chamber thinks the move is regressive, one that puts the Chamber's years of effort to let the world know that Haliburton is a terrific place to visit in jeopardy.

And the current president is trying to find an uncomfortable spot in the middle.

In an interview after last Wednesday's county council meeting, when the county, in essence, cut its formal ties with the Chamber, incoming president Eric Christianson was upbeat.

"We laud the county's decision to move forward with hiring two co-ordinators," he said. In the past the Chamber was given the job of marketing the county because it was the only organization in the county with the tools to do so. Now the Chamber can focus on lobbying on all of its members' behalf as issues, not just those relating to tourism, arise.

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Families can book a sleigh ride on Christmas Eve

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

HOW ABOUT A SLEIGH RIDE this holiday season? On Christmas Eve, while cold crystals of snow wrap the shivering ground in a mantle of white, the people of the Harcourt community are invited to go on a sleigh ride, our Harcourt correspondent Valerie Smith says. Sleigh bells will ring, voices will sing and smiles will light up every face. If you would like to book a time, please call Tammy Donaldson at 448-1751. Cost is \$10 per person and children are free. What a wonderful family outing.

We had a really big whoopsie in the caption that accompanied a picture about the Haliburton Lions Club's donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. All told, the club's volunteer efforts have raised a whopping \$60,000 for the county's healthcare facilities. (We forgot one of the zeroes, which is a pretty big omission.) Kudos to these dedicated men and women who work so hard to make this county such a wonderful place to live and visit.

The Canadian Canoe Museum invites everyone to its open house on Sunday, January 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy free admission to the museum as well as guided tours. The museum's at 910 Monaghan Road in Peterborough. Call 705-748-9153 or visit www.canoemuseum.net.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Free ride

The new public tobogganing hill in Glebe Park is a lot steeper than it looks from the bottom, as museum administrator Tom Ballantine discovered on Friday, the first day that the toboggan hill opened. The hill was the brainchild of the Glebe Park committee, which got money from Dysart et al to hire Murray Miscio to clear a hill of trees, stumps and rocks just at the end of Bayshore Acres Road. After climbing to the top, young and old can enjoy a magnificent view of Glebe Park and Head Lake. It's a terrific place to take the entire family this holiday season and will soon get smoothed over as more people discover this new winter jewel.

OPP asks people to share opinions about the service

During the coming months, the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment will be conducting a telephone survey that will allow the public to voice their opinions on policing issues within Haliburton County.

Local volunteers will conduct the survey by calling phone numbers randomly selected by a computer. The survey will begin within the next week and last for sev-

eral months. The results will be recorded in a specially designed computer system.

The responses gathered from the required 375 completed surveys are all anonymous. The information will then be stored until an analysis is completed. A report will also be available to the public once the survey is completed.

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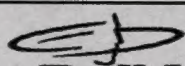
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Outgoing warden steps down from Frost committee

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items that were discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Past warden Bill Davis is relinquishing his seat on the Frost Centre Working Committee.

Davis's one-year term as warden came to an end on December 14. The new warden, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon, will assume Davis's place on the committee which has been given the task of finding a new owner/manager of the Frost Centre.

Finding a solution will involve negotiations with the provincial government and Davis believes the warden's position carries more weight than a county councillor's.

"It's a very good committee," Davis said, "and it can do something if it can get the right contacts. I think it's important for the warden to be there."

Ambulance base bought

The county is buying the Haliburton ambulance base for \$283,000.

The lease for the building, owned and built by Steve Bowskill for the ambulance service, had come due. Council felt that it would be less expensive in the long run to buy the building rather than enter into a new agreement.

Lease payments had been \$45,000 a month.

Meanwhile, it will continue to lease the Minden ambulance base for a year. It cannot buy the base because it is part of a building that includes the drug store.

EMS report

As the odometer reading keeps climbing, the county's Emergency Medical Services' need for a new ambulance keeps growing.

The typical lifespan for an ambulance is four years or 300,000 kilometres. One of the service's ambulances will reach the 300,000-mark in the spring. The replacement cost is \$94,000 plus taxes and licensing. Council approved the expenditure.

Meanwhile, the service has once again earned accreditation from the province, which has a stringent set of regulations which must be met.

Work is progressing on an enhanced emergency response plan. The department has identified six major hazards: energy shortage, extreme cold, ice storm, snow storm, health emergencies and water emergencies. The plan will outline who does what should one of those hazards occur.



Christmas at Stuart Baker school



Parents were absolutely delighted when the students at Stuart Baker Elementary School put on their annual Christmas concert in the auditorium. Dressed as reindeer, stars and Santa, the students sang and danced their way into everyone's hearts. School is now out for the Christmas holiday.

Photos by
Darren Lum

Builders give students the tools to help others

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

All some kids might want for Christmas, after a presentation by the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, is a drill set.

Members came to a J.D. Hodgson Elementary School assembly to kick off their ninth annual Christmas Toy and Food Drive. They also took the opportunity to give their professions a plug in an attempt to stir up interest students in following in their footsteps.

Aggie Tose, association executive officer, kicked off the presentation by explaining that the Christmas challenge goes out to everyone in the community. Last year, 74 companies and individuals participated by collecting toys and food at office Christmas parties or from other sources. The association picks up the donations and delivers them to the 4Cs' food bank.

"Can you imagine waking up on Christmas without any food or toys? We give these toys and food to families who need them," she explained.

That part of the presentation was the

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



John Mark Penman, Jessica Duchene, and Sandy Griffith are just three of the children at J.D. Hodgson Elementary school who filled these boxes for the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association's annual Christmas Toy and Food Challenge. Association members, from left, are Mary McKee, Brenda McKee, Nathan Petrini, Steve Churko, Aggie Tose, and Tony Scheffee.

easy sell. The school has a record of strong participation in the challenge. The tough sell is trying to explain to students that the trades are not only profitable professions but that they can be fun, too.

Tose says there is a critical shortage of trade workers in the housing industry. She says they are hoping that spending a few minutes with the students will be an investment in the future of the industry. The association is working at developing better ties with students.

Brenda McKee of McKee Security and Telephone Systems knew just what buttons to push to get the kids' interest.

"We install telephones and keep them hooked up so you can talk for hours and hours and hours. We put in speakers in your house so you can drive your parents nuts. We install MSN so you can talk to your friends 24 hours a day. We make sure your X-box works," McKee said to much cheering.

Steve Churko, who owns Churko

Electric, explained how none of the above can happen until people like him put wires in the walls so you can use lights, have plugs for computers and power for your appliances.

Tony Scheffee from Haliburton Lumber and Nathan Petrini of Petrini Construction talked about what they do to get houses built. Mary McKee made her job of helping customers pick out fun colours and bright vibrant paints at Cordell Carpet interesting as well.

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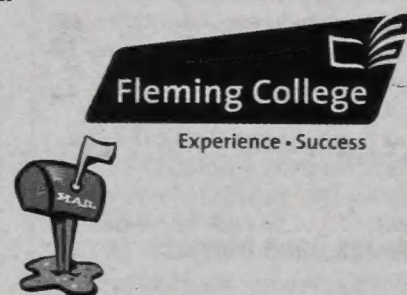
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Toy drive brings joy to hundreds of children

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The elves at the 4Cs were preparing 200 Christmas boxes of food and toys but the number of requests kept climbing.

Ave Petch says they have succeeded in filling 237 boxes/hampers thanks to donations and the annual Christmas Toy and Food Challenge put on by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association. The boxes will be delivered and given out on Wednesday.

However, people are encouraged to continue dropping off unwrapped gifts and food. There is always a need for food and the toys can be stored for next year. Petch says they had to spend \$8,000 to meet the needs over the holidays so donations to give them a jump on the new year would be appreciated. Please call 457-3331 for more information about when items can be dropped off.

The food bank will close after Wednesday and will re-open when students go back to school. The Home Builders will be drawing the name of the winner of their challenge on Thursday.

Province hires researcher to evaluate Frost Centre's history

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Ontario Realty Corporation has yet again failed to notify the Frost Centre Working Committee on what it is doing with regards to the former Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre.

The ORC has hired Margaret Carter of the Ottawa-based Heritage Research Association to do an evaluation of the building, archeological and cultural landscape heritage of the Frost Centre as part of the due diligence the ORC must perform before selling a property. Carter contacted Carol Moffatt, a citizen involved with the protests last summer when the Frost was closed, but told Moffatt she had little or no information about the working committee, the citizens' group PermaFrost, Friends of the Frost or other groups associated with the centre.

She informed Moffatt that her evaluation is at a "first-stage" level. This means she has to determine if there is significant heritage at the Frost Centre and whether or not there is public awareness of that heritage. She told Moffatt the study will go to "stage two" which would require a research paper based on research of the Frost's history and interviews.

The provincial significance of the Frost Centre is undisputed. Construction by the Department of Lands and Forests (now the Ministry of Natural Resources) of a new Chief Ranger Station, that later

became the Frost Centre, started in the early 1920s. A ranger school was established in 1943 and it became the foremost forestry school in Canada. In 1974 the school was renamed the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre and had a new

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BRIAN DESBIENS

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mandate as a demonstration area of 24,000 hectares of Crown land for recreation, education, research and resource management.

That is the tip of the iceberg of a property with a long logging history including portions of the Gilmour Tramway. The Frost Centre also has a geomorphology trail.

When the report is finished, Carter told Moffatt, it will be compared to provincial heritage criteria and a committee will be established to make decisions regarding how to preserve that heritage. The process will involve public input.

However, Charlene Deyarmond, a community liaison officer with the ORC eastern region, says it would be premature to say this second stage will occur.

She says all that Carter has been hired to do is to go to the site and do a very basic assessment of what is there. Deyarmond says there is no reason at this time to contact the working committee or other groups involved with the Frost Centre.

Indeed, no one on the Frost working committee was informed that this process had been launched nor had they been contacted by Carter. Laurie Scott, the riding's Conservative MPP, is disappointed in the lack of communication.

Scott questioned Gerry Phillips, the minister responsible for the ORC, in the legislature on November 24 about another failure to communicate with local groups when the Frost Centre sign was removed from the property. Phillips says the ORC staff was following procedure but he would ensure the sign was returned; it was.

Brian Desbiens, who sits on the working committee, says the issue of the heritage evaluation will be on the agenda of the next meeting in the first week of January. "It's the first I've heard of the heritage component but it's welcome."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison, another committee member, echoed his sentiments. She says the committee has discussed the importance of the Frost Centre heritage and thinks this formal evaluation sounds like a "tremendous idea."

Outgoing Warden Bill Davis said he was not against the heritage study but hopes it will not delay or hold up the process of re-opening the facility in its next incarnation.

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A crap shoot

IN ANY DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY, there comes a time when everyone needs a little time out, an opportunity to cool their heels before saying or doing something that could cause irreparable rifts.

County councillors, the parent figure in this particular drama, are making a break from what it has, in the past, come to see as a sometimes troublesome, rebellious child, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Although the Chamber is its own entity, with membership dues paying for many of its costs, its *raison d'être* for decades has been to market the Highlands to people who live outside its borders. To this end, it has received a fee for service from the county. In good years it got more than \$150,000 from the county; in bad, it had to struggle to get the county to part with \$135,000.

Last week, county council decided that, instead of awarding a contract to an outside organization, it would set up its own marketing and economic development office, hiring two staff members and making provisions to keep the information office on

Hwy. 35 in Minden operational.

For those who have shared some county councillors' frustration with the Chamber, this is welcome news. The Chamber has long been some people's favourite whipping post, the organization they've loved to hate. And sometimes with good reason. However, those with long memories will also remember that this will be the county's second attempt to oversee an economic development committee. Remember Mark Stagg in the late 1980s? Fifteen years, and thousands of dollars in consulting fees for another planner later, the county hopes to get its official plan finally passed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Then there was Bryan Brown who, with his departure, put an end to the county's attempts to attract light industry and business to the Highlands.

In other words, both the Chamber and county council have a checkered reputation when it comes to promoting the Highlands. Neither organization is as bad as its opponents make it out to be, but neither can boast a perfect record either.

But you know what? The money that the county usually gives to the Chamber is, after all, the county's money and it has the right to spend it as it wishes. Chamber's marketing money, which it also used to operate the information centre, was never really its own and there always was the danger of falling out of the county's favour.

So what the ratepayers of Haliburton County now have is a crap shoot. The county is putting its money where its mouth is. It may indeed do a better job than the Chamber did and it may fail. But it has the right to take the chance.

Dark days of Christmas

Although historians quibble that shepherds would not have been out tending their flocks on a cold December night, we have to thank early Christians for choosing December 25 as the day we celebrate Christ's birth. After all, we have to have something to look forward to, something to keep our minds preoccupied, as the days get shorter and the dark nights get longer. We're so busy preparing for the season we barely have time to notice the winter solstice. So today, December 21, let's celebrate that we made it through the shortest day of the year as we wish each other the merriest of Christmases possible.



Tobogganers get a free ride

Photo by MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Songs for the outdoorsman

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME of comfort and joy. But sadly, there are no Carols dedicated solely to the sportsman. Nor are there Hildas, Bettys or Margarets. Still, there are a few songs we can sing to pass the time in the ice hut or on our way to the lake. Here then are two that every outdoorsman should know to brighten up this festive season:

God bless ye merry sportsmen

God bless ye merry sportsmen
And let nothing ye dismay,
Especially your wife telling you
It's not all right to play

Out in the woods
or field and stream
Or any other place

Good tidings from red-necked
old boys
Red-necked old boys
Good tidings from red-necked
old boys.

You got yourself an ice hut
And you've got yourself some smelts
You're going to catch some lake trout
Before the ice pack melts

Out on the lake
There's yellow snow
That's not okay to boil

Good tidings from red-necked old boys
Red-necked old boys
Good tidings from red-necked old boys.

An auger isn't anything
That you should hope to run,
If six inches of ice are on the lake
I'd throw some dynamite son

But make sure
you don't have a dog
Who lives just to retrieve

the not so great



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Good tidings from red-necked old boys
Red-necked old boys
Good tidings from red-necked old boys.

Or how about the ever popular:
We three fools

We three fools in one beat up car,
Have no clue as to where we are,
We could ask you

But we passed you
Instead, we'll follow that star

Oh, oh, star of wonder, star so
bright
turned out to be an airplane's
light
So misleading
We're still proceeding
We'll find our lake some time
tonight

We three fools in one tiny shack
Bending over each with bad back
Someone tooted
The air's polluted
From the smell going up the

stack

Oh, oh, star of wonder, star so bright
turned out to be an airplane's light
So misleading
We're still proceeding
Hoping to find a fish who'll bite

We three fools are partly insane
from jigging minnows
and sniffing propane
fish ain't biting
heaters not lighting
the language is getting profane

Oh, oh, star of wonder, star so bright
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Ready for the holidays

SEAN COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT was happening as his car slowly slid into the snow bank. Again. He had just dug it out, bending his back with the short-handled shovel he kept in his car for just such emergencies. At first it looked as though he had worked himself free but then his wheels spun on a patch of ice, got caught in a slight dip and slid back into the mounds that lined both sides of his driveway.

It was cold outside. The temperature had dropped; his gloves were inadequate and the wind had turned bitter. All his warm clothes were in his house at the top of this ridiculous driveway. In his car was a load of Christmas presents from friends and family in the city where he had just spent the weekend. He wondered if he wanted to try digging out his car for the second time or wait until morning. Soon it would be dark, the short winter day fading quickly right now like a dropped curtain. He decided to wait.

Carrying as much as he dared trust to his almost numb hands, Sean slowly walked through the deep snow up to his back door. The snow had quickly worked its way over the top of his light boots. There had been no snow in the city and it had been for that weather that he had dressed. Now he left the bag of gifts on the kitchen floor while he dug out mitts and a hat for the return trip to the car. He had at least two more treks to unload the Christmas booty.

Not knowing what was in the packages, he couldn't leave them to freeze. They were probably well on their way to that by now, he thought as he waded back down the driveway.

Later, as he poked his woodstove into more flames, Sean was glad he had decided to empty the car but leave it where it was until tomorrow. Sitting by the fire with a hot drink helped lift his cranky mood and he planned to turn in early so he could start the next day well rested.

It had been quite a weekend. He never ceased to be amazed by the different ways people chose to mark their Christmas seasons. After dropping by his brother's home, Sean had made a quick stop at his cousin's. She lived in a somewhat grand place, very stylishly decorated that it reminded Sean of a layout in a magazine. Rich folds of ornate fabrics and ribbon spilled over mantles and along banisters. Crystal and silver gleamed and a gigantic, immaculate tree dominated the entrance foyer. But beneath the picture-perfect exterior was an unhappy marriage. Sean knew his cousin could very well spend Christmas day by herself, her husband out of town on some last minute business and the children visiting friends in the mountains. All that glitters is not gold, he had thought, while talking to his lonely relative.

From there Sean went to his old school buddy's, the one he used to hang out with all through university. That was many years ago but they still kept in touch, usually getting together a few times every summer. But his buddy's alcohol habit had been increasing over time and now, when Sean arrived at his door, he was greeted by a slurring man in rumpled clothes. The man's wife looked embarrassed and apologetic, and Sean did not stay long. As he pulled away from the curb, the Christmas lights glowed happily around the windows and trees in the front yard.

Then it was on to the last place before heading home. This was his nephew's, a small bungalow not far from the expressway. Theirs was a young family, Sean's nephew and his wife having one toddler so far but hoping for more. Sean always enjoyed his visits here and this Christmas was no exception. There was a scattering of a child's little life about the place, some picture books and stuffed animals on the floor, a smudged hand print on the refrigerator door. They sat in the living room drinking hot cider and talking about plans for the coming holidays. Tobogganing for sure, maybe skating, though the adults might have to take turns as their son might still be too young. But they'd give it a try first. The tree proudly displayed its many crafty decorations and the home-made cookies accompanying the cider had been a family project that very afternoon. Christmas music played on the radio and the whole scene felt so idyllic that Sean almost hated to take his leave. They waved goodbye from the front porch despite the chill air and he tooted his horn, smiling as he did.

Just thinking about them now brought a returning smile. His nephew's family knew what Christmas was about. Not the expense, not the show and certainly not the over-indulgence. It was about spending time together, passing on a little kindness and appreciating the good things they had. So after this bit of thinking, Sean decided it was just as well his car had plowed into that snow bank. He had needed some time to mull over the day, to let go of the disappointments and savour the pleasures. Christmas was only a few days away and he wanted to be ready.



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pic of the past

IF IT WASN'T for the bone-chilling Arctic temperatures, people could spend more time outdoors to enjoy how beautiful the Highlands looks this Christmas. For those who prefer to enjoy winter sitting in their armchair and reading the newspaper, here's a beautiful picture of Northern Eagle. Once owned by the Saunders family on the northern shore of Lake Kashagawigamog, the trailer park is now owned by the people who call it home in the summer. Our thanks to Barbara Hodgson-Medd for sharing this winter wonderland.

letters to the editor

Rack this one up to experience

To the Editor:

I enjoy keeping abreast with local developments and I have read with interest the recent correspondence, regarding a certain article by Steve Galea. Quite obviously his column caused some to titter, while others felt the need to hoot.

At least by printing some of the letters, The Echo will allow those who were upset by his comments to, metaphorically, "Get it off their chest" and perhaps in the future Mr. Galea will massage his column to reduce the likelihood for potentially offending some of the readership, learn the importance of awareness and rack this up to experience.

Andy Hawkesford
West Guilford

A reader's choice

To The Editor:

I have enjoyed reading Mr. Galea's columns for the past couple of years, but I had assumed that only men would read them. The same as I assumed that only women read 'Down Our Road'.

When I read his column 'Cows and Arrows' (Nov.9) on archery deer hunting, I was disappointed to see the obvious sexual references. That was unnecessary; the piece would have been fine without them. Thinly disguised (even blatant) references to locker-room humour are acceptable in some areas of the public domain, but do I agree with this? No. But I do not look to the Echo for moral guidance, nor do I expect this paper to be the last bastion of truth and decency.

An English teacher in high school once advised

us not to look in newspapers expecting to find good spelling or grammar. I've found this to be true. I do expect to be informed of the news, and to be entertained, and I feel the Echo has succeeded with nearly every issue.

Should Mr. Galea change his ways? Judging by his column of Dec.14, he doesn't think so, apology notwithstanding. But like he said, "You can, after all, put the newspaper down." Just as we can turn off the radio or television when the programming offends us.

Ken Holm
Haliburton

A Christian approach

To the Editor:

I'm writing for two reasons. One, I think it's important to show support for young people who have the courage to voice their opinions under the public eye. And two, even though I often laugh lots at Steve Galea's work, sometimes he really disappoints me with content that I do not want coming into my home. Steve, I really wish you wouldn't push the limit in a family newspaper like the Echo. I'd love to be able to appreciate your tremendous wit without worrying about being offended personally or having my children see the crude parts.

As far as taking this with a grain of salt? That's exactly what Christians are supposed to do. And if we don't speak up when we're exposed to something like this, people are just going to keep pushing the limits thinking we don't care.

Karen Hannisse
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Province considers reducing forests' assessment

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Last winter, managed forest owners in Haliburton and areas of central Ontario protested the change by no longer permitting snowmobile/recreational trail users access to their properties. They also called for an Environmental Bill of Rights review of the new process MPAC was using.

The review did not come to the conclusion that landowners were hoping for. The review found it is "premature to conclude that the new procedures (of MPAC) would reduce participation (in MFTIP) or have the potential to harm the environment in the long term." The EBR did recommend better and more transparent administration of MFTIP.

The Liberal government decided to take a crack at the issue after announcing the proposed Greenbelt Plan to curb urban sprawl in southern Ontario. A recent press release, issued by both the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Natural Resources, says

the government is promoting the protection of Ontario's natural heritage through stronger property tax relief for both owners in MFTIP and landowners in the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program.

Schleifenbaum says the real catalyst was this fall's annual report from the Environmental Commission of Ontario that gave the province a bad rating for how the landowners are being treated. He says the province is "running into major problems" and something had to be done.

The problem is more complicated to solve, however, than simply giving the landowners reduced taxes. Manuel Alas-Sevillano, Ministry of Finance spokesperson, says the Assessment Act is specific that each rate of assessment has to be a specific type of property. He added that since 1998 there has been enough sale of managed forests lands to establish current value.

Another issue says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey is Haliburton has one of the highest ratios of managed forest properties and giving the landowners reduced taxes means gutting municipal coffers. In the original program, municipalities were reimbursed by the province because, as Fearrey says, everyone in the province reaps the benefits of preserving forests. It is therefore not fair for a handful of taxpayers in Haliburton County to pay for those benefits.

"We are all positive about maintaining forests and allowing the (lumber) industry to mature but don't load the cost on the back of a few taxpayers," says Fearrey.

He has been chosen as one of four municipal representatives on a new committee the province has struck to sort out the issue. The committee consists of four representatives from the woodlots and forestry side, two from MNR, two from Finance, one from MPAC and one from Conservation Ontario. The committee has until March 31 to come up with a tax assessment method that will be fair to municipalities and give landowners a lower rate comparable to farmland.

Fearrey says the committee is well balanced and he believes this is a good approach to take. He is, however, concerned with the short timeline. The committee has had one meeting where they banged out the terms of reference.

Carla Grant, the Ontario Forestry Association's executive director, is also a member of the committee.

"Usually when I hear the word 'committee' I run the other way. This committee though is bringing together all of the interests. It's a really positive step forward in what's been a long fight. Here we have the ministers recognizing that something has to be done - that's very good," says Grant.



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County apologizes to two marketing bidders

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the general manager of Delta Pinestone, the largest resort in the county, is president of the new group called Haliburton Tourism, is not as forgiving of the county's decision.

"Haliburton Tourism is concerned with the direction the county is taking," he says. "I just don't think it's the right approach. If they go off on their own we'll have a regress of strategy, not progress."

Haliburton Tourism had joined forces with the Chamber this past September when the county decided to put the marketing contract out to tender instead of giving the money, as is customary, to the Chamber. Theirs was one of two bids the county received, the other being from marketing consultant David Page.

Savoie was dismayed when in subsequent meetings with the county, politicians seemed to want to "cherry pick" the parts of each proposal that it liked best.

In a letter to Chamber president Bob Hall, Savoie wrote that "It is clear the county has changed the rules of the game - mid-play. The many hundreds of (volunteer) hours invested in forming, developing and finally preparing and presenting the tourism market bid, as requested publicly and rightfully by the county, appears in hindsight as an exercise in futility."

"[Haliburton Tourism] is very concerned that Haliburton's tourism marketing will suffer greatly under this new direction from the county. Frankly, the future does not look bright!"

Savoie urged the Chamber to fight against the proposal.

Hall, in a letter to county CAO Jim Wilson, says the Chamber is "disappointed" by the decision. The Chamber also let the county know that it was not willing to accept the \$100,000 the county was offering to continue marketing the county from the end of its fiscal year in March through to the end of 2005.

"We are hopeful that the county is on the right path to encouraging more tourists to visit our wonderful area. To

assist the county in implementing this important initiative, we are willing to lease space in the Chamber building to the county for purposes of a county-managed tourism information centre. The lease, to be negotiated at market rates, would be for a minimum two-year period with an option for the Chamber to extend the lease for an additional three years. The lease would include the tourist marketing infrastructure in the building, including telephone system with voice messaging, toll free telephone number, desks, brochure racking, kitchen facilities and public washrooms. All staffing would be handled by the county."

County councillors expressed appreciation to the Chamber for the offer at Wednesday's meeting, saying they hoped to work with the Chamber to make sure everyone's needs were met.

Politicians also apologized to the Chamber, Tourism Haliburton and Dave Page, for withdrawing its request for marketing proposals at the end of the negotiation process.

"It's a process we apologize for because we weren't thinking as far ahead as we should have been [when the request for proposal was put out]," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

As county council debated the merits of each proposal, he said, "it came to light" that what the county really needed was to establish its own strategy.

"We keep developing the county's strategic plan without the sparkplug, which is economic development," Minden Hills Ross Rigney said. "We need an experienced person for each department. Why we're being beaten is that other municipalities have dedicated staff to do it. I think this is the right move."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner also extended his apologies for making the two bidders go through such a protracted process, only to have the county abandon it.

"We needed to go through the process to realize that maybe we're not going in the right direction."

Decision gives county more accountability, Fearrey says

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

By setting up its own marketing and economic development, the county will have more accountability and control over this essential service, says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

On Wednesday, county council decided to break its formal ties to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Instead of giving the Chamber money - ranging from \$135,000 to \$150,000 a year in the past - to market the county to tourists and businesses, the county will hire two qualified staff members to do the job.

"All this hinges on the type of personnel we bring on board," Fearrey said after the meeting. "I'm not opposed to contracting the job so if we're not happy with the person we move on."

"There needs to be continuity. If the county creates a department and it doesn't work, you change the players at the table and make it work."

"The department will be under public scrutiny and the direct supervision of county staff, through which there will be a method of tracking what the results are."

The county wants to hire people who understand the tourism and economic development. The tourism marketing co-ordinator would oversee efforts to bring more visitors to the Highlands while the economic development officer will concentrate on encouraging light industry to the area.

The county is about to radically change, Fearrey says, and local politicians want to make sure they're ready. "We have to have the economic base to

support these changes. And people have to be able to make a living here; it can't be for \$6.50 an hour cleaning rooms."

Previously, the county gave the money - and the control over such issues as hiring - to the Chamber. "We never really knew what we were funding," Fearrey says.

However, he stresses that the Chamber and the county are working towards the same goal, and should therefore work together. "We're all talking about promoting our businesses and having a stronger tax base. We're all together on this."

Fearrey regrets that the Chamber didn't accept the county's offer of \$100,000 to continue marketing the county until the end of 2005. This would have given the county more breathing room to create the department and allowed the Chamber to follow through on some of its marketing initiatives. In the meantime, Fearrey wants Chamber representatives to be part of the hiring process because of their expertise in marketing.

Meanwhile, the county will give marketing consultant David Page \$50,000 for an advertising campaign in the Toronto Sun. The Highlands would be given coverage in four tourism supplements and get good rates on advertising throughout the year, Fearrey says. "That's a market we cater to."

He expects the entire initiative will cost the county roughly \$200,000 a year. He also says the changes will allow the Chamber to become a more traditional business organization, able to concentrate on lobbying for issues important to local businesses.

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The Nutcracker graces the Highlands



A concerted effort between the Heritage Ballet Studio, its students, and their parents brought forth The Nutcracker. The inaugural performance was staged three times (once on Saturday and two on Sunday) during Dec. 18, 19.

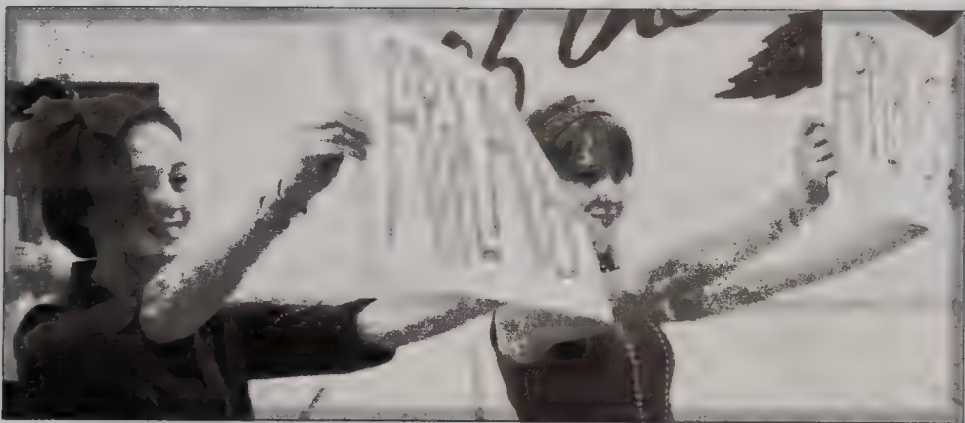
Clockwise, starting at top: There were 23 dancers on the stage for the Christmas Wood scene ending Act 1. Young girls, as the lambs in the Dance of the Reeds, quiver in fear.

The Nutcracker attempts to reunite with Marie. At the end Marie gazes at the Nutcracker. Dancers split their line in the Waltz of the Flowers. Loretta Kerr's character is prevented from getting to the Nutcracker at the very end of the ballet. Additional support staff included lighting design by Adam Perecko and Kelsey Clarke while Heather Smith was the stage manager.



Photos by Darren Lum

Christmas cheer ushers in the holidays at HHSS



In a hilarious spoof of teachers' strengths and weaknesses, Grade 12 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted a fun and frivolous send off to 2004 on the last day of school. Luckily the teachers could join in the students' laughter. Photos by Marha Perkins.



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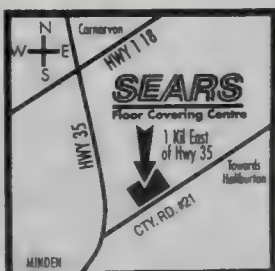
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Red Hawks capture 11 medals at Port Hope tournament.

See story on page 13.

Red Hawks spike down title

The Red Hawks junior girls volleyball team captured the inaugural Bear Creek Kodiak Tournament consolation Championship on the Dec. 10/11 weekend.

Beating Barrie Central 2-0 (two set match) and Barrie North 2-0, splitting with Bear Creek 1-1, and having the second best points for and against ratio gave the Red Hawks the title.

The Eastview team captured the Championships.

Captain Natasha McGann led the team long with Natalia Rico, Sherri Walker and Brittany Prentice and Mary Speilburg.

Amazing effort by our rookies: Jordyn Archer, Ashleigh Schollig, Brandi Reid and Sarah Morgan.

Their next tournament is at home on Jan. 5.

Storm Bantams sing the blues

Bantam As rebound against Parry Sound

CANDACE LOWES

Special to the Echo

The Rodco Construction Storm Bantam As had a busy weekend, and it got started Friday night when the Huntsville Blues rolled into town. The first period started off with the play going both ways and remained scoreless thanks mostly to the strong goaltending of Paddy Manuge.

But Huntsville turned things up a notch and the local boys seemed to lose interest, with the exception of a really pretty goal by Derek Carpenter with assist going to Matt Eno and John Murray. It was not a great effort by the Storm and they lost 5-1.

Saturday night was a road trip to Parry Sound and Coach Lowes was looking for a better effort from his

charges. On this night he got it. The Storm came out flying, forechecking hard and really taking it to their hosts. It paid off when, with just seconds left in the first, Todd Simms fired a shot through the crowd that found the back of the net, the assist going to Robert Chapman.

The second period saw more of the same with the Storm relentless in their attack. To Parry Sound's credit they didn't quit testing Jordan Collins with plenty of shots that he continued to turn away. Steve Miscio increased the lead to two when he made one of his patented end-to-end rushes and beat the goalie clean with a bullet shot. Parry Sound got one back but then Miscio scored again with a shot from the blue line that beat the goalie like a rented mule. Robert Lowes then sewed

it up for the Storm when he took a perfect pass from Derek Carpenter and roofed it. Final score 4-3 Storm.

Sunday afternoon the boys were back home in Minden hosting the Almaguin Ice Devils. It was an exciting game with all kinds of scoring. Matt Eno scored twice and so did Colin Callaghan who, after a long absence due to injury, is really getting into top form. Jessee Tallman and Steve Miscio added singles and Todd Simms and Robert Chapman both had two assists each. Will Smeaton, who was battling a bad cold, played a strong defensive game and both Kelsey Pierson and Dan Goodwin were excellent on the forecheck.

All in all it was a full and satisfying weekend of hockey for the Storm.

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During the holidays enjoy your friendships, your family gatherings and most of all the many blessings we have throughout the year.

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Brown pins down gold

HHSS wrestlers continue improving at every tournament says coaches

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Red Hawk wrestling team travelled to Port Hope to compete at the annual Port Hope Wrestling Invitational Tournament. More than 20 schools were represented. With a total of 427 male and female competitors, this tournament was the largest competition of the season. The calibre continues to improve as wrestlers gain tournament experience and hone their technique.

Thirty-five HHSS wrestlers participated. The entire team showed improvement over the last tournament. Coaches Fockler and Klose noticed that the greatest improvement was in the groundwork. Wrestlers were scrambling better to gain the advantage when on the mats.

Brad Brown led the team with four wins to capture the gold medal in the 119 lb weight class. Brown wrestled consistently throughout the day to earn a spot in the championship match, where he beat his opponent by points after regulation time. As a grade 10 student in only his second year of wrestling, Brad has shown promise in developing into an excellent wrestler.

Senior wrestler David Balaski, also performed well throughout the day to make it to the championship round. He

fought a tough match to lose by points earning a silver medal.

Kalem Kyle, another HHSS senior wrestler, had his best tournament of the season. He lost a match early in the competition, but continued to win to earn a berth into the consolation final. Kyle used superior technique to beat his opponent and take home the bronze medal in the 158.5 lb division.

The women's team faced stiff competition, but raised their performance level. Five of the nine HHSS females earned a top four finish in their weight class.

All HHSS wrestlers showed improved technique and match strategy. Action continues after the Christmas Break as wrestlers prepare for the COSSA championships.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Gold Medal: Brad Brown

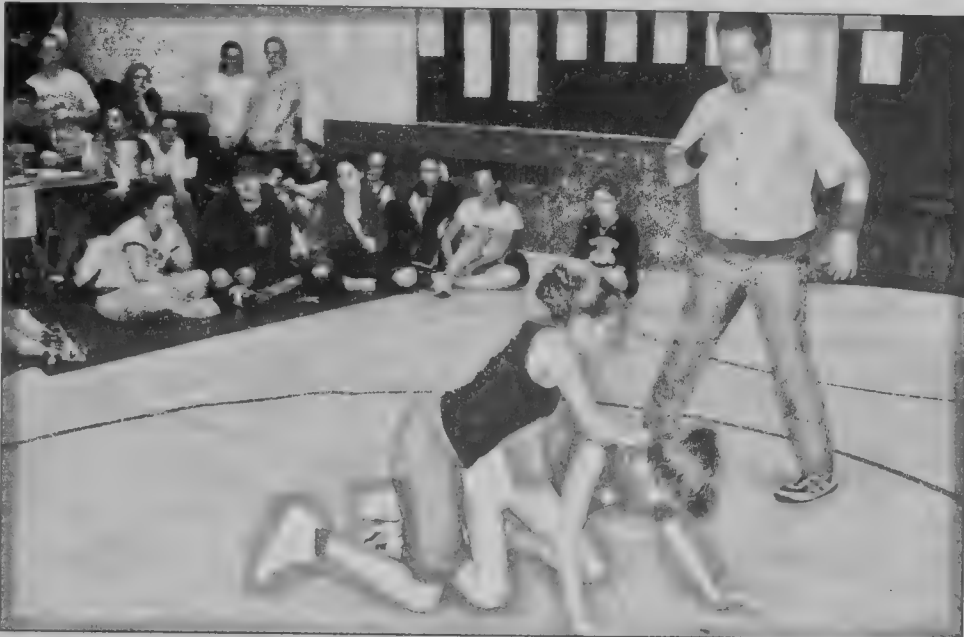
Silver Medal: Dave Balaski, Kaila Grech, Heather Kennedy

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"This year, let your health-conscious attitude guide your giving," adds Anne-Marie Cyr, a Public Health Nurse with the Health Unit. "Your gifts of health will be incredibly valuable, but they don't have to be expensive."

Giving the Gift of Physical Activity

Healthy gifts that encourage people to be active can be used throughout the year and work well for any age. Cyr suggests:

- Creating a "home-active" set that includes any of the following: hand weights, resistance band, exercise mat or ball, skipping rope, or home exercise video.
- Tucking a trail book or a subscription to a health or physical activity magazine in a fanny pack.
- Purchasing passes for parks, ski trails, fitness clubs, recreation centres, or bowling lanes to help people stay active during the winter months.

• Buying gift certificates for sport lessons, dance classes or sport leagues. If necessary and as an added bonus, volunteer to provide childcare for the person so they can take the class.

• Getting stocking stuffers such as yoga mats, swim goggles, pedometers, hockey sticks or athletic socks for those already athletically-inclined.

Local residents are reminded that healthy, holiday gift giving can be as diverse and dynamic as the person for whom they are buying.

"The wonderful thing about gifts for good health," says Cyr, "is that they come from the heart."

Haliburton ski club hosts January race

The Haliburton Ski Club was once renowned for running some of the best races around. We were pleased to host OFSAA and the OUA championships over the years. Unfortunately that reputation faded as the club was unable to present races over the past few seasons due to logging and various construction projects that interfered with the trails.

Now that the dust has settled from the Fleming College construction at Glebe we have volunteered to host a race on January 8th. It will be free technique event (or "skating" as some people prefer), and we plan to have categories for all.

Thank-you to Charlie Muli of Minden Subaru and the Brogdens for offering prize donations that allowed us to expand the categories. There is an under 12 category and another for skiers 70 years and older, plus age-group categories for everyone in between.

Event information and an entry forms are available at www.skihaliburton.ca. Save money by registering early.

This event will also help to showcase various trail changes and improvements at Glebe Park. Better trails and a revamped stadium area will make the action even more fun to watch. Spectators are welcome and the racing starts at 10 on January 8.

Please consider volunteering to help provide an excellent event to the ski community, if you're not racing, that is! Send a message to bpaton@sypatico.ca if you want to lend a hand.

The trails are terrific, and the snow is fine! If there is one good way to prevent an accumulation of suet around the thighs, it is to get out skiing during the holidays. If you ski every day, you need never worry about the consequences of over-eating.

cross country skiing

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Blake Paton

Home Storm schedule: Dec. 21 - 28

Tues, Dec. 21: Midget AE in Haliburton at 8:30 vs Mariposa

Wed, Dec. 22: Tyke in Haliburton at 5:00 p.m. vs Port Perry

Thurs, Dec. 23: Pee wee AE in Minden at 6:00 p.m.

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Trails and Tours seeks 'investment' in county's future

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

By investing in the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, county council would be investing in the county's physical and economic wellbeing.

That's the message that three Trails and tours representatives brought to county council on Wednesday as they requested a 2005 grant of \$55,000.

The Network would put \$35,000 towards the administration of various OSTAR projects, spend \$10,000 on marketing and promotion, dedicate \$5,000 on infrastructure and operations and put aside \$5,000 to advocate for the trail system and its resources.

"A healthy trail system is a healthy community," Network president Kate Hall said. She attended the meeting along with executive director Lindsay Elder and trail development manager Karen Hoover.

The goal of the organization, which is heavily supported by volunteers, is to turn the county into a premier trail destination. By improving the county's trail system the Network is also helping to improve the health of residents and cottages, as well as protect the county's natural resources.

Future projects include:

- developing and upgrading 60 kilometres of trails
- hosting the Ontario Trails Council

conference in April

- organizing the third annual Hike Haliburton Festival
- presenting a series of winter workshops

- spending \$35,000 on each Adopt-a-Metre project

- developing the Crests of Kennis and Forest Heritage trails
- producing maps and brochures for each trail

- supporting the Communities in Action for the Active Transportation Plan

- helping with a wetland boardwalk at the Tranquility Trail

- supporting Gooderham trail development

- completing the Harrison Woods Hiking Trail, which offers "great winter hiking"

- launching the Rail Trail development project

- supporting the Snowdon Park expansion and upgrade

- and increasing trail planning and development in Minden Hills

The Network's request will be taken into consideration as the county begins its 2005 budget process on Monday. Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney asked the group to provide a detailed budget, outlining income and spending, for 2004. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked if the Network would also be approaching municipal councils. Elder said municipalities may be asked to support specific projects.

Trails and Tours in 2004 at a glance

- Hike Haliburton: more than 800 people participated in the second annual event, with 25 per cent staying in paid accommodation, 14 per cent staying at their cottage and 12 per cent staying with friends. There was a 35 per cent increase in revenues and a 1,157 per cent increase in in-kind donations

- Rail Trail: participation in the Rail Trail Management Committee is expected to increase.

Hosted the first Rail Trail Relay with more than 80 participants

- Will host the 2005 Ontario Trails Council's annual conference at Wigamog

- Roster of volunteers now numbers 80; membership is up by 45 per cent

- 20,000 more brochures were printed and work is underway on a new website

- Adopt-a-Metre Hike Haliburton was one of Trails and Tours' successful ventures in 2004.

- Co-ordinated 12 OSTAR partner projects

- Algonquin Highlands: completed third year of trail management agreement; installed signage on Circuit of 5 Viewpoints; upgraded and signed the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower and Beetle Lake trails; installed three kiosks and donation boxes; formed working com-

mittee for the Forest Heritage Trail at the log chute; investigating best methods of bridging rivers; actively participate in Water Trails Committee and act as its retail outlet

- Dysart et al: began development of Head Lake Trail, including a well-attended launch; installed two kiosks; paved new trail extension in Head Lake Park; tendered paved extension from Sam Slick Park to Cty. Rd. 21 bridge

Highlands East: began development of IB&O Trail, including a launch party with 85 people in attendance; brushed entire length of IB&O trail and improved surface; tendered for privy in Tory Hill Park, with construction underway; constructed staging area at Essonville Line and Farr Road to provide safe parking and access at north end of trail; secured \$7,000

for upgrades from Haliburton County Development Corporation; took lead role on trails committee; supported discussions with Ministry of Natural Resources to preserve Green Mountain; and supported arts and crafts tour

- Minden Hills: installed trailhead kiosks and donation boxes at each end of Rail Trail; supported Riverwalk project; upgraded and signed Harrison Woods Trail, which was featured at its July annual general meeting



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Stephen Foster hangs up 911's reins

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Stephen Foster has accumulated a lot of paperwork in the almost four years he's been working on the 911 project.

endured a lot of abuse from county council. We owe you a thank you for staying the course and sticking to what you believe in."

Haliburton County's myriad of roads and lanes made the process so much harder, Fearrey said, and yet despite the difficulties, 911 was accomplished. "You deserve a lot of credit," he told Foster.

At the official launch of the new emergency phone service on December 10,

Foster said they were amiss in not recognizing the significant contributions of the county's former CAO, Gary King. He played a strong leadership role in the beginning of the process, bringing past experience to bear to make sure the project stayed on track.

Foster also thanked treasurer Laura Janke and current CAO for "picking up the reins" when the job became too onerous in the summer and Foster had to

give them some of his responsibilities.

As he prepared to take his leave, Foster had one word of advice: stick to the road naming protocol.

The protocol, which got rid of duplication and even road names that sounded too similar, created a lot of dissension. It would be doing a disservice to those who had to give up favourite road names in the process to allow new names that contravene the protocol, he said.

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Doug Smith, fundraising chair, says the organization made the choice of not hiring a professional fundraiser when it became obvious that without more operational dollars the program was in jeopardy. Smith, a palliative care volunteer with the Hospice program, says they have been blessed by other organizations sharing their expertise with them.

"No one held their cards close to the

chest. We would have been in the dark if they had," says Smith.

Hospice launched the Angels of Hope campaign in October during its awareness week.

"The stores that participated were wonderful. The front line folks, the cashiers, were responsible for asking customers if they wanted to support the program. They did an excellent job," says Smith.

The proceeds from the Angels of Hope campaign and private donations raised approximately \$10,000 toward this fiscal year's \$30,000 target. A donation of \$5,000 from CIBC has enabled them to reach the halfway point in only a few months.

Elaine Sidsworth and Patrick Davis of CIBC are congratulated for taking on the cause.

Smith said that starting from zero was a scary position but a multi-year commitment from the Lions Club was a promising start. "It's very promising to know how much generosity is out there. You're never turned away with a frown. Working

on this campaign boosts your energy."

Smith says Hospice is recognized for not helping people with just one specific disease but for assisting everyone as they reach their final days. He says that you sometimes need an outsider to talk to because loved ones can have their own issues with death and want to suppress it instead of supporting the individual and their family.

Anyone interested in more information about the campaign or Hospice can call SIRCH at 457-1742.



Shawn Currie, CIBC assistant manager, presented a \$5,000 cheque to Doug Smith of the Hospice Fundraising Committee and Gena Robertson, SIRCH chief executive officer. Also on hand was Elaine Sidsworth, CIBC branch manager and Patrick Davis, small business account manager.

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Merry Christmas, Rudy

Sheri Hawkins has temporarily adopted an orphaned fawn, calling him 'Rudy,' feeding him carrots and exchanging kisses. For the whole story and more photos by Martha Perkins, just turn the page ...





MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Rudy the orphaned deer accepts a carrot from his adopted mom, Sheri Hawkins.

Rudy finds a mom

MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

It's a relationship that made perfect sense.

Sheri Hawkins needed something to ease the pang of loss that she felt when her daughter Willow moved to British Columbia and Rudy the orphaned deer needed someone with a big heart to nurture him through the bitterly cold onset of winter.

Little more than a week before Christmas, Hawkins was surprised to look out the window of her home near Gelert and see the face of a baby deer looking back at her. When she went outside, the deer ran away. Then, when she was out shovelling the snow, the deer

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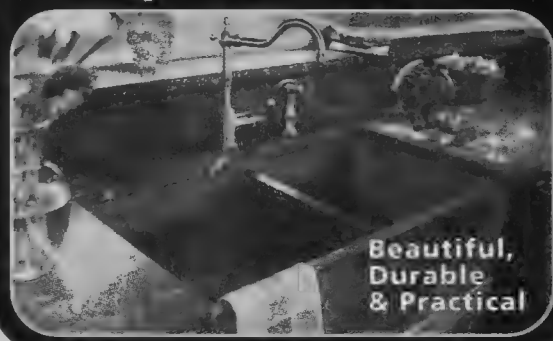
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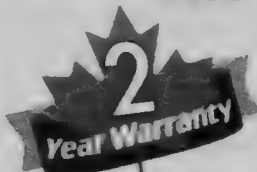
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Rudy's off to 'deer college'

from page 22

came back, its four legs quivering in the cold.

Knowing that wild animals feel threatened by larger animals, Hawkins went into the house, grabbed a carrot and then crawled towards the deer on her hands and knees. Although skittery, the deer let Hawkins come close enough to feed it the carrot.

However, in the days that followed, Rudy (short for Rudolph the reindeer) became part of the family.

"Willow's not here and he knows I'm a mommy without a baby," Hawkins says. "He's kind of become my life now, Rudy this, Rudy that."

However, like any mother, Hawkins knows that you have to raise your children to become independent enough to move away from home. And Rudy was beginning to act as if he'd never want to leave.

As the temperature dropped, Rudy spent a lot of time at Hawkins' house, sleeping in a manger that Hawkins and her husband John Marren built, or bunking down in the shed. She'd go outside and have her morning coffee with Rudy, who'd give her a kiss for a carrot, and friends dropped by with offerings of food. "It was like the three wise men

bringing food to his manger," she says.

By Sunday, Hawkins was worried that Rudy was forgetting he was a deer. She called the Muskoka Wildlife Sanctuary which is helping to find Rudy a spot in what Hawkins calls "deer college," a place where orphaned deer can be fed without any human interaction.

"I'd love for him to stay here but he's getting too human. He wouldn't make it through the next hunting season," she says. "I'll miss him but he'd get killed if he stayed. This is better for him. He can be with other deer and find out that he's one, too."

Hawkins is certain that Rudy's mother was killed during hunting season, which makes her feel a little guilty because this is the first year she got her hunting licence. "It's my first year of hunting and he's ruined me," she laughs.

She's not sure what she'll do in the coming years when she goes out in November to stock her freezer with venison. "If I say the word 'Rudy' and his ears perk up, I won't shoot."

Meanwhile, Hawkins is appealing for people to help the Muskoka Wildlife Centre pay for the food for Rudy and the other deer. You can send donations to Box 89, Hwy. 11 North, Severn Bridge, Ont., P0E 1N0 or call 705-689-0222.



Rudy's sweet face seems to be smiling as he crunches a carrot.

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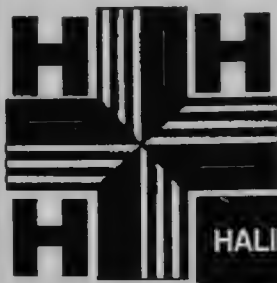
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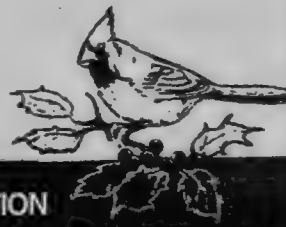
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Jam Bites

3/4 cup butter or margarine softened.

1/2 cup sugar

1 large egg yolk

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour

1/4 cup apricot preserves

1 cup chopped almonds or pistachios

1 cup seedless raspberry jam

In large bowl with electric mixer at med. Speed beat butter and the sugar until light and fluffy. Eat in egg yolk, at low speed, gradually add flour until well blended. With hands, press dough to form a ball.

Divide dough into four equal parts. With palms of hands, roll each part into a 12-inch rope about one inch wide. Place two ropes lengthwise on an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. With side of finger, make a half-inch wide, one-quarter inch deep groove down the middle of each rope. Repeat with remaining dough on another cookie sheet.

In small cup combine apricot preserves

Bake up a storm

Recipes from Franka Andriano

with half cup chopped nuts. In another cup, combine raspberry jam with remaining chopped nuts. Spoon apricot-nut mixture into grooves of two of the strips. Spoon raspberry nut mixture into remaining two strips. Refrigerate strips at least 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut each strip crosswise into 1 or 2 inch diagonal slices, but do not separate into individual cookies yet. Bake 20-25 minutes or until edges are slightly golden. While still warm, cut through slices with pancake turner and remove cookies to wire rack to cool

Store cookies in single layer on tray. Covered in the refrigerator. Makes 4 doz.

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1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

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3 tbsp butter or hard margarine softened

1 egg

1/2 cup raisins or currants

2 tbsp coconut

1 1/2 tsp vinegar

pinch of salt

Unbaked pastry tart shells regular or mini tart shells, your own or store bought

Cream brown sugar, syrup and butter well in medium bowl. Add next 6 ingredients. Stir well. Divide among pastry shells. Bake in 475 oven for about 20 minutes for regular size and 10-15 minutes for miniature size. Makes 12 large or 24 tiny tarts

Peanut Butter Nanaimo Bars

3/4 cups butter, melted

1/2 cup sugar

2 eggs beaten

2 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

3/4 cup finely chopped roasted peanuts

1/3 cup cocoa powder

Filling

1 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter

1/3 cup butter

3 cups icing sugar

1/3 cup milk

Topping

8 oz semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped

2 tbsp butter

1/3 cup finely chopped peanuts

Line a 13x9 inch metal cake pan with parchment paper; set aside

In bowl, whisk together butter, sugar and eggs, mixing well. Add crumbs, coconut, peanuts and cocoa powder; combine thoroughly. Press into prepared pan. Bake in centre of 350° oven until firm and no longer shiny, 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool on rack.

Filling: In saucepan, heat peanut butter with butter over medium heat, stirring until smooth. Transfer to bowl. Stir in sugar, one cup at a time, until combined. Add milk; stir until smooth. Spread over base. Refrigerate until firm,

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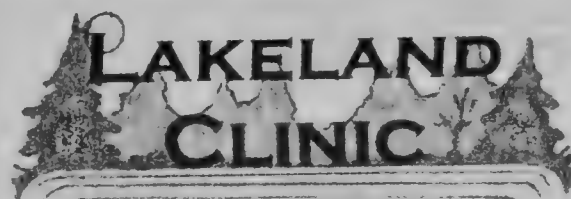
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Gerald Irish

If you can speak and read you might be able to help at Bingos. If you can carry a plate or set a table you can help with the Legion breakfasts once every six weeks. If you can decorate or clean your house you can help at your branch. Your time is valuable but so is Branch 129.

The willing few are being swamped with a myriad of duties. A few more willing workers would be greatly appreciated. Join with us. We work! We laugh! We have fun and we feel a deep satisfaction in knowing we are helping Branch 129 regain its former status as the focal point of the community.

In the spirit of the season start giving of your valuable time to your Branch. You and only you can make a difference in Legion.

Tickets for the New Year's gala are now on sale in the Branch! Come along and help us ring in the New Year, \$35 a couple, \$18 single. Fun, good, favours and great comradeship!

At this time of year our thoughts and prayers are with all of you but especially with our Canadian peacekeepers serving around the globe and their families waiting for them at home.

At this festive period we all should count our blessings and remember those less fortunate. That is why we are asking you to join with us on December 18 at our Christmas Party and bring along a non-perishable food item or a child's toy. Festivities start at 4 p.m. and go until closing. you can have a grand time and also help others have a merrier Christmas.

In spite of their inherited office problems your executive can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Gradually we are resolving the problems caused by lack of access to the computers and the overly

complex systems previously used. Your office workers are to be complimented and congratulated.

On behalf of all members I extend our sincere thanks to Deputy Zone Commander Ian Coleman for his hard work and faith in this branch.

The year 2004 presented us with many new problems to face but like all challenges they can be met and overcome. So we at Branch 129 face the future with renewed vigor and confidence. Have a happy holiday season and all the best in 2005. Take time to count your blessings. Don't waste time complaining about what can be changed if only you will commit yourself to make change happen.

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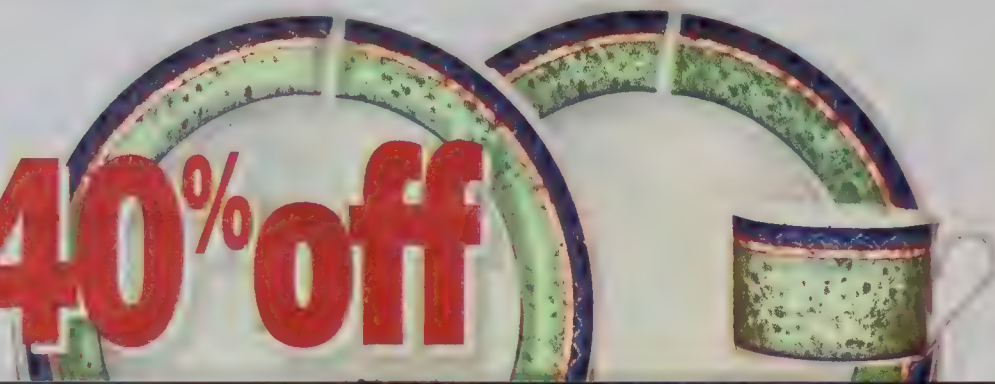


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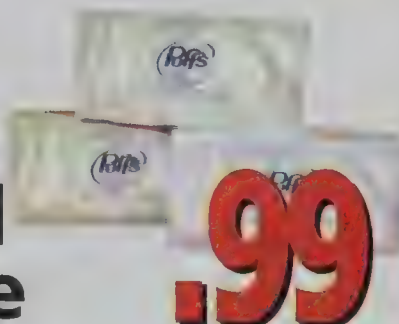
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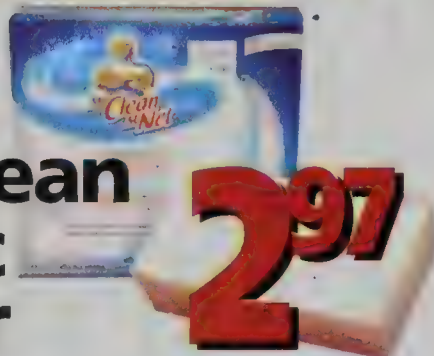
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Finding fun under the winter sun was easy for the Wilberforce Elementary School students from Grades 3 - 6. There were close to 50 students who participated in various cooperative and team-building games as organized by Camp Medeba's Leadership Development Program. This was one of Camp Medeba's stops during the week for their annual service to the community which also included visits to local nursing homes. Photos by Darren Lum.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow in Wilberforce

Though snow keeps piling up and temperatures have been dropping drastically people have continued to get out for Christmas concerts, carol services and various group luncheons and dinners.

The Wilberforce School's annual

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wilberforce

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Christmas Concert at the Lloyd Watson Centre was well attended by families and friends of the students and staff on Tuesday, Dec. 14. They were well entertained by the children performing songs and little plays. From the JK/SK class's "Wiggle to the beat" to the 5/6 class

playing their recorders, the children did their best. They had learned the words to lots of songs which they sang joyfully. The Gr. 5/6 French class did a skit "Le Premier Noel" with good set and costumes. They knew their parts and played

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Camp Medeba had Wilberforce kids doing snow angels.



Pink cheeks and big smiles were the order of the day.

Essonville carol service a wonderful event

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them well – but the stage at the hall and the hall itself has very poor acoustics – so the audience heard very little of what was said. Perhaps if there was a decent storage area at the LWMC the Loop Troup's stage extension could be there and easily put up for the school kids. The songs and musical numbers were heard because the groups were at the front of the stage. Maybe by next year something can be done to improve sound projection at the hall. Thanks to staff and students for their good efforts and to the Seniors Club for hosting the concert providing refreshments for all and bags of candy for the children. Old Santa even managed a visit to wish the children a Merry Christmas.

The carol Service at the Historic Essonville Christ Church on Sunday, December 19, was a wonderful community event. Many carols were sung with Elsie Lewis accompanying on the organ and with Paul Way leading. Touching readings of poetry and praise were presented throughout the evening by Ken Jones, Joan Noble and Lesley Finlay. Caroline Dahlke's rendition of O' Holy Night has become a tradition. She, her daughter Alana, the Way sister and M. Dack sang two numbers. Especially was their rendition of Felice Navidad accompanied by Caroline on her guitar. Thanks to all people who present this program including Ken Noble ringing the bell, Elois Somerville, Ken Jones, the Robert Macreas, Paul Way, Elsie Lewis and of course the people who come to sing under candlelight and the glow of kerosene lamps.

The Legion L.A. held their Christmas supper and party right at the Legion this year on Friday, December 10. From all reports that in spite of stormy weather it was a pleasant time. These ladies deserve to celebrate. They have worked hard this year catering to a number of functions and raising funds for good causes.

Thanks to Shirley Riley for hosting a pot luck supper for the Loop Group last Wednesday evening, December 15. It was a fun relaxing time. The Troupe is still considering which play to produce next. Any men available to take part in one of our pro-

ductions please give us a call.

We were very shocked and saddened by the tragic death of the Rev. Wendell Sedgwick of Gelert. As this paper's recent feature article made clear Wendell was a solid citizen who knew who he was and where he wanted to be – contented in retirement there on the family farm. Wendell was a familiar figure at the Wilberforce and Gooderham United Churches in recent years. He would willingly come over to assist the elders and their (often) student ministers by taking the Communion Services. Indeed he was scheduled to celebrate a Baptism and Communion in Gooderham and Communion in Wilberforce on Sunday, December 12. Several other connections between the Sedgwicks and this area include a first memory I have of Wendell the year he took his Grade 13 at the Haliburton High School. It must have been a challenge even for this excellent student to attend a different school for this challenging year. (I remember how hard it was to keep

up and fit in with people who had been together since Grade 1 when in Grade 11 along with Fred Taylor – first bus students from here). Wendell succeeded – but I remember this fine student almost a nervous wreck over this departmental examinations.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife Lorna and her family and to his sister Marion. Lorna is well known in the area having spent many vacations here with her parents, cousins and especially her aunt Gertrude LeRoy Miller. Marion taught school here before becoming a nurse and missionary. Marion has also taken many services at the United Church here since her retirement and is well respected and loved for her fine sermons and her down to earth personality. The death of Wendell, a husband, father, brother has touched many as Wendell did in life as a minister, a farmer and as I liked to think of him a philosopher.

A very Merry Christmas to all who reads the Wilberforce News.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Roads Department

NOTICE TO MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLE OPERATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-Law No. 2954 under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O., 1990 Chapter M44 Section 5, which restricts the operation of motorized snow vehicles upon the serviced roadway, except to cross, on the following County Highway.s

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SNOW REMOVAL

The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8., Section 170 (12), states "no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway". A Police Constable, County or Municipal appointed By-Law Officer may have the vehicle removed from the roadway and stored at the owner's expense.

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The cooperation of all motorists in these matters would be appreciated for efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads and the safety of others.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday January 10th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-046/04
Applicant: LAWRENCE, WEDGE & MCLEAN
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 16, Concession 6, Geographic Township of McClintock
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-114/04 Revised
Applicant: 1413760 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 6 & 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
- File No. H-126/04, H-127/04 & H-128/04
Applicant: Estate of Charles BRANSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 2, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: 3 New Lots
- File No. H-129/04
Applicant: Paul COLVIN
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 14, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
- File No. H-135/04
Applicant: Paul IRWIN & Carol KILBY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 30, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-141/04
Applicant: Jean HOGG & Earl DAWSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 21 & 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Easement
- File No. H-142/04, H-143/04, H-144/04 & H-145/04
Applicant: Jean HOGG & Earl DAWSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 21 & 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: 4 New Lots
- File No. H-151/04
Applicant: Elizabeth DOUGLAS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-156/04 & H-157/04
Applicant: Martha FERGUSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 3 & 4, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots
- File No. H-166/04
Applicant: Grace BOICE
Location of the Property: Lot 28, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of December, 2004.

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A story and a smile

Wilberforce Elementary School went all out for its annual Christmas Concert, featuring songs, stories and refreshments. Above, members of the JK/SK class read *Christmas is Coming*.

Masons welcome ladies to luncheon

The December meeting of Masons of North Entrance Lodge on 17th welcomed the ladies to a lunch following the meeting. Carols were sung as well to help the season along. From Guilford were Derek and Pam Rolfe, Earl Cooper, Ken and Leanne Goodall and Lou and Yvonne Vesh.

Under the heading of "If you haven't heard it yet, it's still new," Marj Bain spent three weeks in England with her sisters in September.

community news ——— west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

In October (16th) Ben, son of Peggy and Everitt Pouw of Norman Wells, N.W.T. married Corrine Billers of Shelbourne in Orangeville where they have begun to make their home.

Planning for the New Year's Party on Dec. 31st at the Centre is the work of the committee under Pat Morrison. Tickets are available at the Guilford garage or at the store.

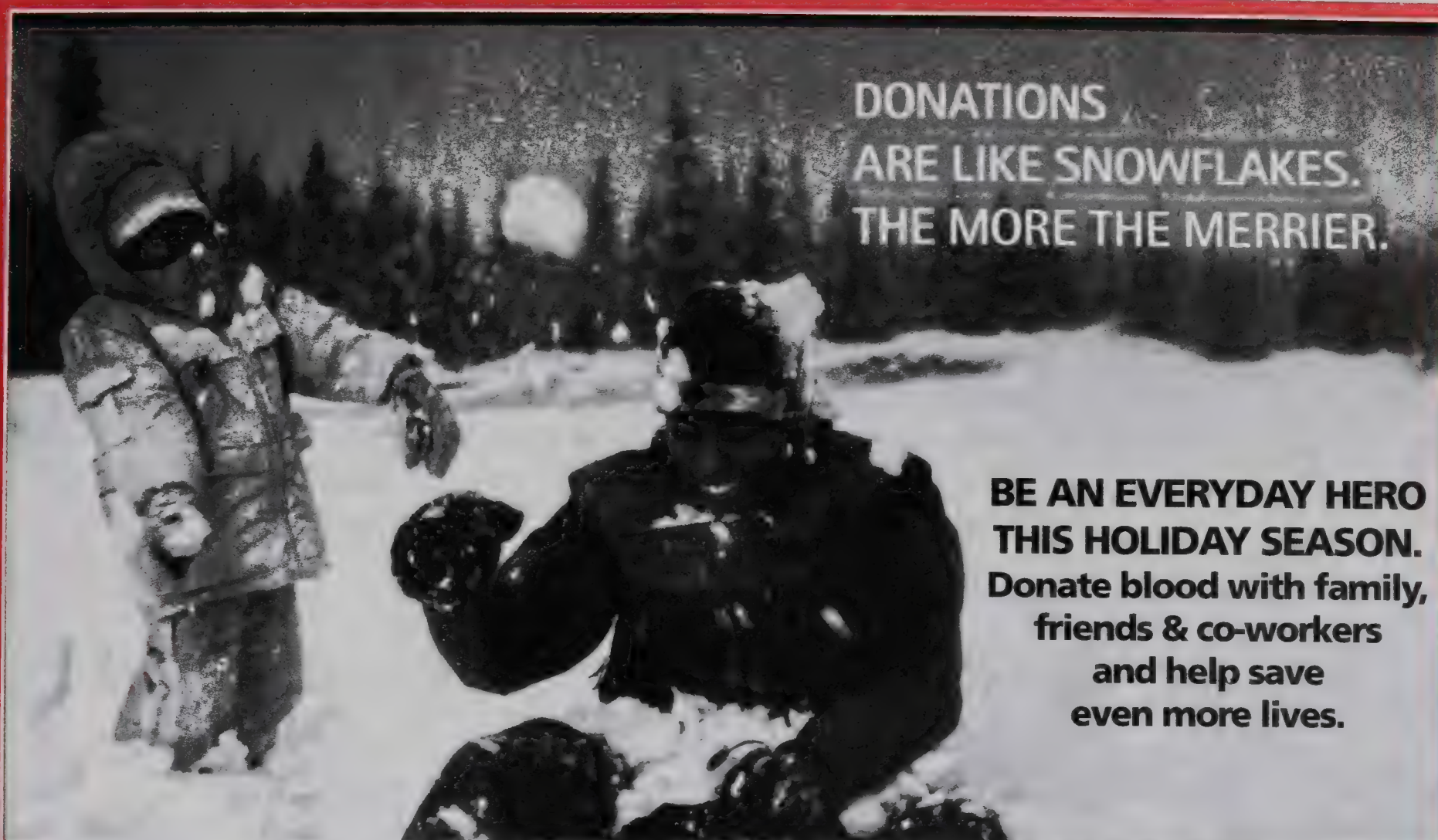
The delightful and beautiful production of *The Nutcracker* by the Heritage Ballet of Haliburton was greeted by an enthusiastic audience on Dec. 18. We were lucky to attend. Grandparents Janet Bain and great grandmothers of little Amy Black, one of the smallest of the enchanting production, were part of the audience to cheer on the young dancers.

Invite your friends to give blood with you

Canadian Blood Services urges Highlands residents to be an everyday hero and make the holiday season special this year by organizing a group of family, friends or co-workers to donate blood together at a local clinic.

The goal this year is to collect 18,350 units of blood in Central Ontario region between December 2 and January 14 to help meet patient needs during the period. Many of these patients are counting on your donations so that they can celebrate the holiday season with their own families. The Haliburton Legion on Monday, December 27 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. The goal is 135 units.

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- **Dec. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy Holiday Season. Our next meeting is January 18/05 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Dec. 22:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung's in Haliburton. This lunch begins at 12 noon. This will be Home Supports last luncheon before Christmas. To make reservations please call Aileen Bruce at 457-3375.
- **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. There will be services for the United Church: Gooderham at 7 p.m. and Wilberforce at 8:15 p.m. All welcome.
- **Dec. 24:** St. George's, Haliburton – Family friendly service of Holy Eucharist with the Silver Flutes. Dec. 24 at 3 p.m.
- **Dec. 24:** St. Margaret's Wilberforce – Carol sing followed at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Eucharist. Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve – Family Service at Minden United Church at 7 p.m. Communion Service at Maple Lake United Church at 9 p.m.
- **Dec. 25 & 26:** St. George's & St. Margaret's – Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Both churches on December 26th will be having a service of Lessons & Carols at regular service times.
- **Dec. 27-30:** YMCA Wanakita – Christmas Break Residential/Day Camp. What a way to spend the school break! Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, cook outs, tobogganing down cardiac hill, crafts, broomball and much more. Dec. 27-30. Call us at 457-2132 for more info or go on our web-site www.ymca-wanakita.on.ca to register.
- **Dec. 27:** Joint Service at Minden United Church on Sunday, Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.
- **Jan. 2:** (Epiphany) – Joint Service and Communion at Minden United Church, Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 11 a.m.
- **Jan. 6:** L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together – Speaker: Donna-Lee Sisson; Precious Memories: Janet Bottum, Alzheimer Society, Haliburton; Music: Shirley Gojdos. Thurs., Jan. 6th, 7:30 - 9:30, West Guilford Recreation Centre. Wheelchair accessible. Information call Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Women's Basketball** takes place on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Highschool gym. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more info call Emma at 457-2506.
- **Royal Canadian Legion**, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
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- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464 or Judy Carpenter 489-3027.
- **Haliburton Seniors Club** meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- **Meditation and Qigong** – We gather the first Sunday morning of every month. Qigong is 9:45 - 10:15, Meditation is 10:30 - 11:30. For more info call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121.
- If you are a senior (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Home Support offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Friday at 1 p.m. If you would like more information on activities available through Home Support, please call Ida at 457-2941.

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Assemblies galore at local schools

It is that time of the year again. A time for many traditions. A time for scissors, glue, strips of red, green, white and gooey little fingers fashioning colourful, paper chains to adorn the school walls and Christmas trees. A time for paper chain links for little ones to count the days left before Christmas. A time for hours of rehearsals conducted by dedicated staff preparing the children of all ages for "Winter Concerts", "Christmas Concerts" and "Christmas Traditions Assemblies." What a variety of programs I witnessed and heard! I

had an opportunity to listen to tinkling bells, sweet voices, instrumental music, and songs in English and French. I also had the wonderful occasion to view, with the students, the Nutcracker performance. The children enthusiastically enjoyed it.

I was very pleased by the numbers of parents, grandparents, friends and relatives who took time out of their busy schedules to come to the schools to see their children perform in the Christmas specials. In one presentation by a JK class, a little female performer was twirling like a snowflake, when she suddenly realized her grandfather was in the audience. She flew across the floor and leapt into his arms giving him a big hug. She set the scene for Christmas – precious moments, love for one and another and cherished memories.

Christmas presentations in the schools of Haliburton are a time-honoured tradition. My mother, Doreen (Townsend) Oakes often speaks of how exciting it was for her as a child to prepare for the annual Christmas Concert. They would start in mid November to get ready for this noteworthy community event. The older boys would build a stage and parents would work on appropriate costumes. Teachers Velma Scott and Marg Stoughton both played the ancient organ that was housed in the school and the students sang songs as *Deck the Halls*, *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Away in a Manger* and they always acted out the story of the birth of Christ.

In old school registers, I found entries describing events that took place in the local schools at Christmastime. The following entries will help you span the chasm of time to days of yesteryear:

1926, December 15, Harcourt S.S. #1, (Kennaway School). "Christmas concert in aid of hot lunches."

1936, Harcourt S.S. #2 School, teacher Miss Margaret (Smith) Stoughton. "S.S. No Five Cardiff and Harcourt had a joint Christmas Concert, which proved very successful."

1939, December 19, Harcourt S.S. #2 School, teacher Mrs. Velma (Miller) Scott. "The children put on a fine Christmas concert. Thirty-nine dollars was taken in."

1940, Harcourt S.S. #2, teacher Mrs. Scott, "The annual Christmas concert was put on, the proceeds was supplemented by a donation of \$9 from the Standard Chemical Company. In the winter the girls used some of the money and knit for the Salvation Army and made an afghan, which was also given to the Salvation Army."

1941, Harcourt S.S. #2, teacher Mr. Harold Jackman. "As usual at Christmas, a concert was put on by the pupils. From part of the proceeds ten dollars was given towards the building of a church and \$10 to the *Evening Telegram's* British War Victims Fund. As in the previous year, the Standard Chemical generously

gave us a donation."

1941, SS No4 Cardiff Hershel Leafield School. "With the proceeds of our Christmas Concert, we got dishes, forks, spoons and some granite ware for hot lunches." 1944, S.S. #4, Cardiff School, Highland Grove. "Christmas concert was held in the Orange Hall. The sum of

\$13.00 was raised. With the proceeds of our Christmas concert we purchased workbooks and other helps, rose bushes, flower seeds and also a soft ball." 1947, December 17, S.S. #3 Cardiff, Highland Grove. "As has been the custom

for the past seven years a Christmas concert and tree was held in the school building."

1948, December 21, S.S. #3 Cardiff, Highland Grove. "For the first time in a number of years the school combined with S.S. #4 Cardiff for a joint Christmas concert and tree in the Orange Hall in Highland Grove. A dance followed."

1953, Harcourt S.S. #2 School (new school). "Christmas Concert was held on December 21, with L. Donaldson as Santa. Dance was held afterwards."

As you can see, the community Christmas concerts and exhilarating community spirit have been a longstanding Christmas tradition.

Here is a Christmas highlight to consider taking part in. How about a sleigh ride? On Christmas Eve, while cold crystals of snow wrap the shivering ground in a mantle of white, the people of the Harcourt community are invited to go on a sleigh ride. Sleigh bells will ring, voices will sing and smiles will light up every face. If you would like to book a time, please call Tammy Donaldson at 448-1751. Cost is \$10 per person and children are free. What a wonderful family outing!

Just a reminder that the 4 Cs Food Bank will have four depots for easy pick up. Pick up date is Wednesday, December 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The depots are: The 4Cs Food Bank, Tory Hill Community Centre, Word of Life Clothing Outreach in Highland Grove just across the road from the Highland Grove Community Centre and at Our Lady of Lourdes in Cardiff.

The Harcourt Community Chapel will hold a Special Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday December 19 at 7 p.m. and a Christmas Eve Service on Friday December 24 at 7 p.m.

St. Margaret's Church in Wilberforce will be having Holy Eucharist on December 25 at 10 a.m. and on December 26 they will be having a service of Lessons and Carols at their regular service time.

The Harcourt Community Centre Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance on Friday, December 31st. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 8 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner and dance to the great sounds of Willie and The Poor Boys. Cost only \$40 a couple for dinner and dance. Advance tickets are available – call Ross Covert at 448-3196 and get your ticket soon. SPECIAL NOTE: Time of dance has been changed from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. to 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Harcourt Community Chapel will hold its New Year's Eve Program on Friday, December 31 consisting of music, skits, puppets and refreshments starting at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

I wish you joy, peace, happiness and love in your homes this holiday season and always.

~Valerie



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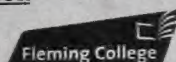
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New Year's Eve Dance

December 31st

9:00 p.m.

D.J. Cameron

\$25/couple, \$15/single
Favours • Prizes • Light buffet
Advance tickets available
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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Come join us to ring in the New Year at the Haliburton Legion

Dance to the Black Fly Boogie Band

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Cold Buffet

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NEW YEARS EVE DANCE West Guilford Community Centre

December 31/04

8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

D.J. Jamie Bacon

Midnight Buffet

Spot Dances & Door prizes.

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\$35./couple, \$20./per person.

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Born December 3, 2004
at 9:55 p.m.

Also welcomed by great, great grandmother Lillian Haight. Proud new mommy Mandy Emmerson would like to send a special thank you to the OB nurses at Ross Memorial Hospital. Great job Mandy! We love you Natalie! Love Nana and Papa xoxo.

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

Please be advised that **SID WOOLLEY** is not responsible for any debt incurred by any other parties without written consent.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE
GRENVILLE LLOYD ALLEN
SHOLER**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **GRENVILLE LLOYD ALLEN SHOLER**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 1st day of December, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of January, 2005.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day of December, 2004. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE**

HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL
also known as
HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL** also known as **HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL**, late, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 25th day of November, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of January, 2005.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 3rd day of December, 2004. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

440 THANK YOU

At this time, we, the family of **GLEN MCCOLL** wish to thank everyone who remembered him and us during his lengthy illness, and at the time of our great loss in his passing. The many prayers, those who stopped to visit him, phone calls, gifts of food and cards meant so much. Also flowers, donations made in his memory, and gifts of money are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to nurses and staff at Access Centre, who made it possible for us to keep him home. Also to ambulance drivers for transports to Hospital appointments. Thanks to all doctors and nursing staff who cared for him at Haliburton Hospital and Family Medical Centre. Special thanks to Dr. Donaldson and nurses on November 27. Your care and kindness for all of us will be remembered always. Heartfelt thanks to Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for services and guidance that saw us through a very difficult time. Thanks Barry, for a special touch. Once again for all who were supportive and kind at this time we are truly grateful. **The McColl Family**.

The family of **LLOYD "BUCK" BAKER** would like to thank all those who came to comfort, remember and reminisce with us on the loss of our beloved "Poppa". A special thanks to the nurses and care-givers at Extendericare who made his days there comfortable and filled with the warmth of their hearts. We would also like to thank his many friends who added to the quality of his life through the years. He was known and loved by many and will never be forgotten. **The Baker/Biagi Family - Dorelle, Sally, Richard, Anthony, Jason, Sandi and "Poppa's" six little angels.**

The family of the late **IDA HOLMES** wishes to express their gratitude for all the acts of kindness and support shown to them during Ida's illness and her passing. Thank you especially to the doctors, nurses and staff of the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital for the fine care given to our mother during her time of need. A special thank you is extended to the ladies from St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce for the lovely luncheon after the service. Thank you to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden for their caring professionalism. **Gord (Maureen), Marilyn and their families.**

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BILLINGS, NORA - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away November 16, 2001. God took her home, It was his will. But in our hearts She liveth still. Love always **All the Family**.

CRAFTCHICK, BOBBY - In loving memory of our son Bobby (The Rig) Craftchick:

In a quiet country graveyard, Where gentle breezes blow, Lies the one we love so dearly, Whom we lost seven years ago, Your resting-place we visit, Place flowers there with care, But no one knows the heartache, As we turn and leave you there. We miss you so Bobby. Forever in our hearts, until we meet again.

Lovingly remembered, and sadly missed, by **Mom, and Dad. Sister Cathy and her husband Peter; Brother Rick, and his wife Tracy; Little brothers, Ronnie and Jamie; And his niece Cheyenne and nephew's Petey, Owen and William.**

HICKS - In loving memory of parents and grandparents: May - December 21, 2000, Orville - March 1, 1973. Softly the leaves of memory fall Gently we gather and treasure them all.

Some may forget now that you are gone But we will remember no matter how long. **Ruth and Family.**

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of a very dear Mom and Grandma who passed away December 25, 1994.

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Forever loved, **Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.**

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JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of my dear mother who left me on December 25, 1994.

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JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of our dear Grama and Great-Grama who passed away Dec. 25, 1994. Ten years ago on Christmas Day, Your golden heart stopped beating, Your busy hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

If tears could build a stairway, And heartaches make a lane, We'd walk a path to heaven, And bring you home again. Our family chain is broken, And nothing is the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

Sadly missed and always in our hearts, **Patti, Ryan and Cole, Kim, Rick and Kaitlyn and Angela and Tony.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

DWIGHT DETTMAN

Passed away suddenly at home in Kinmount on Thursday, December 16, 2004.

At the age of 49.

Loving husband of Sherry (nee Bird), loving dad of Angie and her husband Glen Brown, and Papa White of Wyatt and Hailey. Dear brother of Wilma and her husband Craig Woodcock, Joyce and her husband Leon Wright, predeceased by brother Lloyd, mother Marion, and father Gerald. Fondly remembered by Sherry's brothers and sisters and their families, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was in the Chapel on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. Cremation followed. Reception followed at the Galway Hall, Kinmount. Masonic Service on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial donations to the Children's Wish Foundation or to the Galway Fire Fighters Assoc. would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

JOHN CHARLES "Charlie" ROBERTS

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on December 16, 2004.

In his 86th year.

Beloved husband of the late Mary Elizabeth Roberts (nee West). Loving father of Bev and her husband the late Ed Elias, Sandy and her husband Randy Cole, all of Minden. Loving grandfather of Kim (Gord), Trini (Crisha), Trevor, Ryan and great grandfather of Blake and Jaydon. Survived by his brother Albert and predeceased by sister Jean Spence and by brother Maurice "Duck". Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

SEDGWICK, REV. WENDELL

On Saturday, December 11, 2004, at the family farm near Gelert.

He was 73. Between 1964 and 1997, Wendell served as minister of the Queensborough-Eldorado, Seymour Township and Hope Township pastoral charges of the United Church of Canada. He was the husband of Lorna (Keay), the father of Katherine, Melanie, John and Kenneth Sedgwick, and the grandfather of Nathan, Daniel, Emmet and Timothy Wisnicki, Sam and Tom Sedgwick, and Julia and Claire Sedgwick. Brother of Marion Sedgwick and Genevieve Payne. Predeceased by brother Rowland Sedgwick. The funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 16, at Minden United Church. If friends would like to make an in-memoriam donation, the family would be grateful for donations to the Beads of Hope Campaign (a United Church of Canada project in the battle against HIV/AIDS), Operation Eyesight Universal, or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Donations may be sent in care of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0, telephone (705) 286-2181. **CA**

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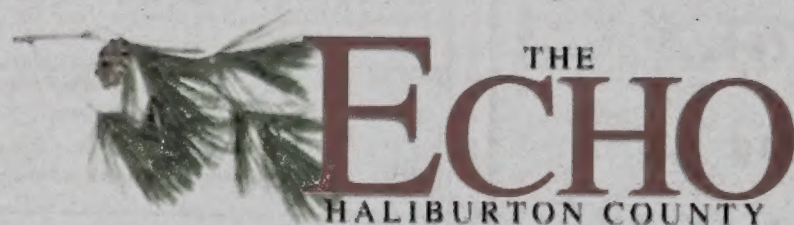
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